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Attorney Docket No.: VX032578US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Tsugio SUDOU  
Serial Number : 10/725,507  
Filed : December 3, 2003  
For : MAINTENANCE SCHEDULING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
THEREFORE  
Examiner : Gary Chin  
Group Art Unit : 3661

**RESPONSE UNDER § 37 CFR 1.111**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 12, 2005

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed May 18, 2005. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, making this response due on or before August 18, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the following pages.